

Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

From Your Minister - Christian Smith

*Wednesday,
August 20, 2025*

While I am Away...



This week, after spending the weekend serving in meetings for the denominational Ministry Council, I visited Dr. Cory Williams and the Dyersburg Cumberland Presbyterian Church. I had the opportunity to worship with a church that shares many demographic similarities with us. This Sunday, I look forward to returning to worship with the congregation at CFCPC.

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Sunday Worship Information



Sunday, August 24th, will be Homecoming Sunday. The chancel color will be green. Our pastor, Rev. Christian Smith, will deliver the sermon using Philippians 3:12-14 as the scripture. The sermon's title is "Straining Toward What Is Ahead." Everyone is invited to join us in the sanctuary at 8:45am or 11:00am as we worship God and celebrate 158 years of ministry at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. If you are unable to join us in person, the 8:45am service will be streamed via our YouTube channel.

Wednesday Connection

We resumed our regular Wednesday Night Connection activities last week and we invite you to join us for dinner at 5:15pm; it is free for everyone. Our Fellowship and Outreach Ministry Team does a great job providing us with a wonderful meal. **TO ENSURE WE HAVE PLENTY OF FOOD, WE DO ASK THAT YOU MAKE EITHER A ONE-TIME OR A STANDING RESERVATION BY CONTACTING THE CHURCH OFFICE BY TUESDAY AFTERNOON.** You can contact Sandra at 931-526-6585 to make your reservations.



At 6:00pm, our youth group, children's group and our Twisted Stitchers crafting group will meet. At 6:15pm, our adult class meets in the Upper Commons. This semester, the topic of discussion for the adult group will be "Prayer." Tim Fournet will be leading this evening's discussion.



Altar Flowers

Sunday's altar flowers were placed to the glory of God and in praise for EJ Wynne on his second birthday. Love, Mimi and Papa.



Twisted Stitchers

Connection has resumed and the Twisted Stitchers group continues to meet. You are invited to attend any/all sessions; we would love to have you join us. All levels of proficiency are welcome to join us! The stitchers meet on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the Session Room of the church. We hope to see you there!

Flower Challenge

The Pathfinders Sunday School Class challenges other adult Sunday School Classes and other church groups to recognize a mission, cause, group, or event by providing flowers in the church sanctuary from time to time. There are several open slots for reserving flowers. For details, please contact Barbara Greeson at 931-260-3069.





Church Anniversary Celebration

This Sunday, Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church will be celebrating the anniversary of the founding of this church. We will celebrate 158 years of service to this community during our morning worship services. That evening, at 5pm, we will gather to celebrate our church family with a Fish Fry. The church will provide food and drinks. We invite you to join us as we enjoy an evening of fellowship.

FISH FRY



Homecoming Sunday

August 24, 2025

5:00pm

Family Life Center

The First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

SANCTUARY CHOIR

is seeking new members and welcomes **YOU!**

Prior musical training, while helpful, is not
required to be a member of the Choir.

Join us at 5:30pm in the Choir Loft.

Contact Sandra Robbins with interest/questions!

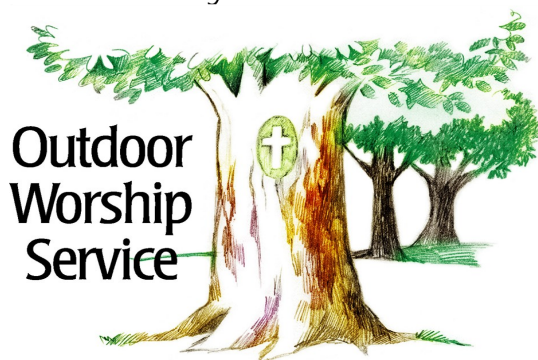
931-526-6585 or 931-284-6934

5th Sunday Worship & Lunch

Sunday, August 31st, is a fifth Sunday and we will come together to worship as one congregation. Sunday School will start at 9:00am with worship following at 10:00. We will fellowship together with a potluck lunch after the worship service. The church will provide meat, bread and drinks. We ask that you bring sides and desserts. Come be with us as we worship and fellowship together!



August 31 – 10am
Family Life Center



For Our Visitors AND Members



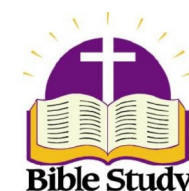
We are always excited to have the opportunity to worship with you on Sundays. Whether you are visiting with us or are currently attending our church, please take a moment to scan the QR code to the left and help us to get to know you and how we can better serve you. You may also use this form to share prayer concerns, praise reports, or other requests with your pastors.

Email and Texting Update

If you are interested in receiving the Midweek Manna and/or occasional text messages from the church (we promise not to spam your messages), we need you to fill out the form at this link (<https://cookevillecpchurch.flocknote.com>), or contact Christian with your phone number and/or email address.

Men's Bible Study

The **Tuesday Noon** Men's Bible Study continues with a study on the book of Romans. We are using Max Lucado's ***Life Lessons from Romans*** as our text. All men in the church congregation are encouraged/invited to attend.



Meal Train

You are invited/encouraged to help us provide meals for one of our long-time members, Evelyn Hyder. Evelyn is mostly homebound and her sister in South Carolina has been providing door dash meals for quite some time. A good home-cooked meal would be most welcome. You can sign up to provide a meal at <https://mealtrain.com/n9z8zd>. If you are not familiar with the meal train app and would like to sign up and need some assistance, you can contact Alice Peek at 931-239-5513 or call Sandra in the church office. Thank you in advance for your help with these meals!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, August 17, 2025

Commitments - \$2,565.00 Undesignated - \$3,134.00 Other - \$282.50

Included in this week's offering was a \$172.50 reimbursement from CPNS,
\$50.00 for altar flowers and \$60.00 for Connection meal donations.

Total Deposit - \$5,981.50

Church Directory Update

Our updated church directory is now available online and is accessible from your computer or through an app on your phone!

How to Access the Directory:

On your computer: visit <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

On your phone: download the *Instant Church Directory* app:

Apple devices, click here:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/instant-church-directory/id589542221?ls=1&mt=8>

Android devices, click here:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instantchurchdirectory.members>

Logging In:

You'll be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in our church directory. If your email isn't listed yet, let Christian know, or fill out the information on this form:

<https://forms.gle/CpXSyeIwwCizY7cA>

Once information is entered, you can follow the on-screen instructions to complete your login.

Update or Add Family Photos:

We are now taking family photos at church for those who need them, but you are also welcome to upload your own! After logging in, you can update your family's info and add a photo. You may also text or email your photo to Christian, and he'll upload it for you. If you need assistance at any point, Christian is happy to help. Just reach out!

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Every Thursday, from
7:30am-9:30am, Christian will be
enjoying coffee at The Exceptional
Bean (55 N Walnut Ave.).

You are invited and encouraged to
join him for a cup of coffee and a
chance to get to know each other
better, share your thoughts
and ideas for the church, or
just enjoy a morning cup
of coffee together.



Individuals: Dave Brown (Julia Huddleston Brown's husband - St. Thomas West); Annette Coorts Flanders; the family of George James; the family of Reneé Richter (Tim Fournet's sister); the family of Brad Gerren; Nate Byers (back surgery); James Maggart (home); Paula Lafever; Maggie Wharton; Carolyn Pinkley; Kaye Powell; Regina Weber; Bill Byers; Dan & Kathy Hilton; Geraldine Smith; Kaye O'Brien; Ken Soleck (Wendy Dewberry's father); Allison McDonald; Doris Baggett (Signature Healthcare); Evelyn Hyder; Linda Stringer (Evon Maggart's sister); Ramona Tilghman (Lifecare in Sparta); Sherrie Smith; Cindy Furcean.

Cancer Treatment: Allen Kolath; Niki Work; Margaret Merrill (Evelyn Hyder's sister - pancreatic cancer).

Assisted Living: Jo Gentry (Willow Spring at The Arbors in Spring Hill, TN); Ruth Sapp (Heritage Pointe).

